

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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Military Classes on Active Duty

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1. The following military classes are currently on active duty in the Albanian Armed Forces: Class of 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, and 1932 (partly called).<sup>1</sup>
2. There are approximately 10,000 men in each class.

Strength and Cadres of the Albanian Army

3. There are approximately 45,000 men in the Albanian Armed Forces, and they are distributed as follows:

a. Army	30,000
b. Air Force	5,000
c. Navy	5,000
d. Border Guards	5,000

4. Other forces which should be considered as an effective element in the nation's mobilized strength:

a. The militia	15,000
b. The Police	7,000 (Sigurimi?)
c. Labor units	<u>9,000</u>
	31,000 Total

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25 YEAR  
RE-REVIEW

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5. The Albanian Army consists of the following units:

a. Three infantry divisions, which are deployed as follows:

1 Division in Tirana  
5 Division in Gjinokaster<sup>2</sup>  
8 Division in Korce

b. Two motorized brigades

c. Eight border guard battalions

6. The following unidentified non-divisional units are under the direct operational control of the Ministry of Peoples Defense:

a. In Elbasan

One artillery brigade

b. In Shkoder

Two infantry brigades<sup>3</sup>

c. In Durres

One coast artillery brigade  
One marine regiment

d. In Tirana

One communications brigade  
One tank regiment  
One 122 mm mortar regiment  
One antiaircraft regiment  
One antitank regiment  
One battalion of Republican Guards

7. The following special communications unit is also stationed in Tirana:

11 Communications Regiment, Headquarters on Via Dibra consisting of:

2 Telephone Battalion  
1 Radio-Telegraph Battalion

Each battalion in this regiment has four companies and each company has four squads.

8. Each Albanian infantry division is composed on the following units:

a. Three infantry regiments  
b. One artillery regiment  
c. One service company

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9. Each regiment is composed on the following units:
- Three infantry battalions
  - Unspecified number of service units
10. The following units are organic to an infantry regiment:
- LIGHT MORTAR COMPANY

There are three platoons in a company. Each platoon has three squads of 12 men each. A noncommissioned officer heads a squad, and a commissioned officer heads a platoon.

Company headquarters:     3 commissioned officers  
                              2 noncommissioned officers  
                              11 enlisted men  
                              1 scout car  
                              1 motorcycle  
                              4 horses  
                              3 horse carts

Total company strength:     6 commissioned officers  
                              1½ noncommissioned officers  
                              140 enlisted men

Company armament:       18 82 mm 36-M mortars

b. HEAVY MORTAR COMPANY

There are three platoons to the company. Each platoon has three squads of 12 men each. A noncommissioned officer heads a squad, and a commissioned officer heads a platoon.

Company headquarters:     3 commissioned officers  
                              2 noncommissioned officers  
                              15 enlisted men  
                              2 three ton trucks  
                              4 transport vehicles  
                              8 draft horses

Total company strength   6 commissioned officers  
                              1½ noncommissioned officers  
                              150 enlisted men

Company armament:       18 120 mm 38-M mortars.

c. ARTILLERY BATTERY

There are three sections to the battery. Each section has three squads of 15 men each. A noncommissioned officer heads a squad, and a commissioned officer heads a section.

Battery headquarters:     3 commissioned officers  
                              2 noncommissioned officers  
                              18 enlisted men  
                              1 scout car  
                              1 motorcycle  
                              4 horse-drawn transport wagons

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Total battery strength: 6 commissioned officers  
                           17 noncommissioned officers  
                           147 enlisted men

9 antitank guns, M-42, 7.62 Cal.

d. ENGINEER COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

There are two radio telegraph platoons under the command of a commissioned officer. Each platoon has 4 sections consisting of three enlisted men and one noncommissioned officer.

There are two telephone platoons under the command of a commissioned officer. Each platoon has four sections consisting of three enlisted men and one noncommissioned officer.

Company headquarters: 3 commissioned officers  
                           2 noncommissioned officers  
                           13 enlisted men  
                           2 scout cars  
                           1 motorcycle  
                           3 two horse-drawn wagons  
                           1 mess wagon

Total company strength: 7 commissioned officers  
                           22 noncommissioned officers  
                           85 enlisted men

Company signal equipment: Radio sets M-1949 of Soviet construction with double antenna. One antenna is 150 km high, the other is a circular or rectangular antenna 30 km high.

Units below the regimental level are assigned portable signal equipment. This equipment is usually carried by four enlisted men or mounted on a horse. Power is furnished by batteries.

Regimental and divisional units have their communications equipment transported on vehicles. Power is furnished by batteries. Equipment consists of German type TORN F.U./B.I. and 10 W sets, and Soviet type 12 R.F., R.B., and R.S.D. radio sets.

e. ENGINEER LAGG COMPANY

There are three platoons each commanded by a commissioned officer. Each platoon has four squads.

Company headquarters: 3 commissioned officers  
                           2 noncommissioned officers  
                           16 enlisted men  
                           2 three ton trucks  
                           3 horse-drawn wagons

Total company strength: 6 commissioned officers  
                           20 noncommissioned officers  
                           223 enlisted men

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Comments:

1. [redacted] the military classes of 1932 B and 1933 A from the Devoll area were scheduled for mobilization on 29 November 1952. 25X1
2. [redacted] headquarters of 5 Infantry Division is located in Korce.
3. Current holdings list an independent infantry brigade in Shkoder, possibly the 60th.

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